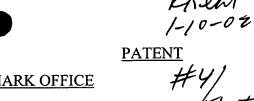
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

ECEINED JAN 10 J In the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001, the Examiner restricted the application one of the following:

- Ī. Claims 1-10 and 20, drawn to a container,
- II. Claims 11-14, drawn to a lid, and
- Claims 15-19, drawn to a container system. III.

Applicant hereby elects claims 15-19, drawn to a container system, without traverse.

Applicant understands that the non-elected claims may be included in a divisional application that would be entitled to the same priority date as the present application.



Respectfully submitted,

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